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**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF MISSISSIPPI
CAUSE NO. 2016-M-535**

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SUPREME COURT
COURT OF APPEALS

IN RE: CHRISTOPHER SCOTT ROUTH

PETITIONER

**CLARIFICATION OF FACTUAL MISREPRESENTATIONS AND REQUEST TO
SUPPLEMENT THE RECORD WITH TRIAL COURT HEARING TRANSCRIPT**

COMES NOW Judge Jeff Weill, Sr., Hinds County Circuit Court Judge, and files this response to clarify certain misrepresentations contained in the *Petition* filed in this cause on April 13, 2016 before this Honorable Court. The trial court also moves to supplement the record in this matter to include the hearing transcript of the proceeding at issue. The hearing transcript provides clear documentation that dispels many misrepresentations made in the *Petition*, which the trial court understands to be partially pending for appellate review.

SUMMARY OF ACTION BY TRIAL COURT

This *Petition* arises from an underlying pending criminal indictment of Defendant Loran Shell-Blackwell in Hinds County Circuit Court. Ms. Blackwell is charged capital murder, notably the most serious and violent crime found in Mississippi law, and she is also charged with auto theft of an automobile which allegedly belonged to the deceased victim. On February 26, 2016, Ms. Blackwell was indicted by a Hinds County Grand Jury for these crimes, and the case was assigned to this trial court's docket. Pursuant to URCCC 8.01, Ms. Blackwell was scheduled for arraignment on April 13, 2016 at 11:30. Ms. Blackwell appeared at the arraignment proceedings more than thirty (30) minutes late. She was represented by Mr. Christopher Routh, Assistant Hinds County Public Defender. Ms. Blackwell entered a plea of not guilty and was given a trial date and certain pre-trial deadlines. As is customary, pursuant to URCCC 8.02, the trial court reviewed "the amount of bond previously set."

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The Court was advised by defense counsel that the Defendant's pre-arraignment bond amount (for both the capital murder and auto theft charges) had been set by another court in the amount of only \$1,000. It was also represented that the Defendant was placed under "house arrest" and was being monitored through "Probation Services Corporation" at the expense of Hinds County. Due to the serious nature of the charges, the State of Mississippi moved to place the Defendant on "no bond" status. Pursuant to Article 3, Section 29 of the Mississippi Constitution of 1890, a Defendant charged with a capital crime, such as Ms. Blackwell, is not entitled to bond when the proof is evident or the presumption great. The trial court asked for defense counsel to respond to the State's request. In addition, the trial court noted that Ms. Blackwell was carrying a small child and inquired whether defense counsel intended to mention that fact as being relevant to the determination of bond. Mr. Routh advised that Ms. Blackwell was holding her child who was born on December 30, 2015, and asked that she be allowed to remain on bond pursuant to the Lawson factors.

In response, the State of Mississippi detailed the evidence which allegedly links Ms. Blackwell to the crimes. Specifically, the State offered that the DNA of Ms. Blackwell was recovered at the scene of the crime and that various statements given by the Defendant to the police indicated her involvement. The State also asserted that the extremely low bond originally set at \$1,000 was due, in part, because Ms. Blackwell was pregnant. Since that time, Ms. Blackwell has given birth, and due to the change in factors, including Ms. Blackwell's lack of ties to the community and the physical evidence recovered at the scene of the crime, the State again moved for Ms. Blackwell to be held under a no bond status.

FACTUAL MISREPRESENTATIONS AND MISCONDUCT

In response, Mr. Routh began his recitation of the medical condition of Ms. Blackwell's child which was later revealed to be an evolving blatant misrepresentation to the Court. Initially, Mr. Routh stated "Ms. Blackwell's child has been diagnosed with a gastrointestinal disorder that requires that he be fed at least mostly on breast milk. It is essential to the child that she be able to stay out on bond and

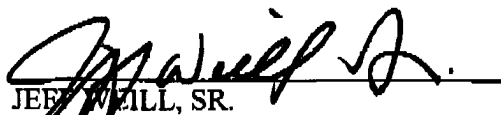
remain giving that care.” *Hearing Transcript* at 10, Attached as Exhibit A. Upon the trial court’s inquiry for medical proof of the GI problem which requires mostly breast milk, Mr. Routh affirmatively stated “We have contact information from Ms. Blackwell’s physician at River Oaks Hospital. Just that they’ve advised her that the child should be fed mostly on breast milk.” *Id.* at 11. Upon being questioned further by the trial court, Mr. Routh stated “I have discharge instructions from River Oaks Hospital that specifically say—and I’m reading instructions to the patient. ‘Direct breast feed or give expressed breast milk or—at least every three hours around the clock.’ I mean, it’s—that’s what the hospital has told her to do.” *Id.* at 12. Mr. Routh referenced several documents he described as Ms. Blackwell’s medical records, but only sought to introduce one page which he described as “where it directs her to breastfeed the child.” *Id.* at 13. Upon receipt and review of the document, attached here as *Exhibit B*, the language unequivocally states “Direct breastfeed or give expressed breastmilk or Similac Neosure formula at least every 3 hours around the clock.” *Exhibit B* (emphasis added).

After considering the evidence presented, the trial court ruled that bond would be denied but stated that the court will reconsider “upon the filing of the proper motion with proper evidence.” *Id.* at 19. The trial court stated that the hearing was concluded and Mr. Routh immediately made an attempt to make additional argument. The undersigned directed that the issue had been finally concluded and directed Mr. Routh to “please be seated” numerous times while Mr. Routh continued to interrupt and argue with the trial court and re-urge his position without any regard for court order or directives. *Id.* at 19. Due to Mr. Routh’s contumacious conduct and lack of candor with the trial court, he was found to be in direct criminal contempt and ordered to be incarcerated for the remainder of the afternoon.

Due to the extreme and ongoing factual misrepresentations about the proceedings leading to the trial court’s finding of direct criminal contempt, the trial court hereby moves to supplement the appellate record with the hearing transcript, included here as *Exhibit A* and the medical record introduced as an exhibit to the hearing by the defense as *Exhibit B*. Respectfully, the same are highly relevant to the

proceedings pending on appeal. Should this Honorable Court need further response from the trial court, the undersigned will certainly comply.

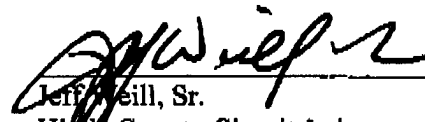
Respectfully submitted this the 14th day of April, 2016


JEFF WILL, SR.
HANDS COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Jeff Weill, Sr., the undersigned judge, do hereby certify that one true and correct copy of *Response of the Trial Court*, along with the exhibits thereto (including *Exhibit A* and *Exhibit B*), has been this day forwarded jointly to Petitioner Chris Routh c/o counsel Merrida Coxwell, via electronic mail.

This the 14th day of April, 2016.


Jeff Weill, Sr.
Illinois County Circuit Judge

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT
OF HINDS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

PLAINTIFF

VERSUS

NO. 16-0-146

LORAN SHELL-BLACKWELL

DEFENDANT

TRANSCRIPT OF THE PROCEEDINGS HAD AND DONE IN THE
ARRAIGNMENT IN THE ABOVE-STYLED AND NUMBERED CAUSE
BEFORE THE HONORABLE JEFFREY A. WEILL, SR., CIRCUIT
COURT JUDGE, ON THE 13TH DAY OF APRIL, 2016.

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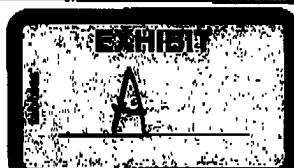
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1 BY THE COURT: All right. Hello,
2 everyone. This is Cause No. 16-0-146, State
3 v. Loran Shell-Blackwell. We're here for
4 arraignment. And is she here?

5 BY MR. BROWN: Your Honor, she's meeting
6 Mr. Routh out front right now. She was
7 parking when we talked to her just a moment
8 ago.

9 BY THE COURT: She's what?

10 BY MR. BROWN: She's here. She was
11 parking her car, and she's meeting Mr. Routh
12 out front right now in front of the
13 courthouse.

14 BY THE COURT: All right. Well, we'll
15 just wait until she --

16 BY MR. BROWN: It will be just a minute,
17 Your Honor. Thank you.

18 BY THE COURT: If you need to check on
19 that, that would be fine.

20 BY MR. BROWN: Oh, thank you, Your
21 Honor.

22 BY THE COURT: Thank you, Mr. Brown.

23 (PAUSE IN PROCEEDINGS)

24 BY THE COURT: Mr. Routh, you're at my
25 podium. Where might Loran Shell-Blackwell

1 be?

2 BY MR. ROUTH: Your Honor, I've spoken
3 to her. I believe she's on the way. She's
4 indicated to me that she's had an issue with
5 her newborn child who was ill this morning,
6 but she has indicated to me that she's on the
7 way. We just ask for a very brief
8 continuance to get her here.

9 BY THE COURT: Well, you're talking
10 about just a few minutes?

11 BY MR. ROUTH: Hopefully not more than
12 that, Your Honor.

13 BY THE COURT: All right. Well, we'll
14 just sit until she gets here.

15 BY MR. ROUTH: Okay.

16 BY THE COURT: Are you communicating
17 with her? Do you know how close she might be
18 or --

19 BY MR. ROUTH: The last I spoke to her
20 she said she was on the interstate.

21 BY THE COURT: All right. Well, we'll
22 just -- I tell you what, let's -- we'll just
23 be in recess. And when she's here, send the
24 bailiff back and tell us that she's here,
25 okay --

1 BY MR. ROUTH: Thank you, Your Honor.

2 BY THE COURT: -- if it's not more than
3 a few minutes.

4 (RECESS AT 11:42 A.M.)

5 (RESUME ARRAIGNMENT AT 11:57 A.M.)

6 BY THE COURT: All right. State versus
7 Loran Shell-Blackwell, 16-0-146, Counts 1 and
8 2. Is the defendant in the courtroom?

9 BY MR. ROUTH: She is, Your Honor.

10 BY THE COURT: All right. You can
11 approach the table, Ms. Blackwell -- I mean
12 the bench.

13 All right. We're here for arraignment.
14 Have you paid an attorney to be here for you
15 today -- with you today?

16 BY THE DEFENDANT: No, sir.

17 BY THE COURT: You've not?

18 BY THE DEFENDANT: No, sir.

19 BY THE COURT: All right. Would you
20 raise your right hand, please?

21 LORAN SHELL-BLACKWELL

22 having first been duly sworn, was examined and testified
23 as follows, to-wit:

24 BY THE COURT: We'll let the public
25 defender's office stand in at arraignment

1 this morning. I'm sure you've met. What
2 says the defendant?

3 BY MR. ROUTH: Ms. Blackwell,
4 Your Honor, is -- received a copy of her
5 indictment. She understands it. We'd enter
6 a plea of not guilty at this time.

7 BY THE COURT: All right. We'll set
8 trial for July 18th. Preliminary pretrial
9 motions due June the 3rd, all other motions
10 due 12 days prior to trial.

11 What says the State on bond?

12 BY MR. HENRY: Your Honor, at this time
13 we're going to ask that this defendant have a
14 no bond. This is a capital offense.
15 She's -- the defendant is facing capital
16 murder charges, and it's our policy that we
17 do not agree to bond on capital murder
18 charges.

19 BY THE COURT: All right. What says the
20 defense?

21 BY MR. ROUTH: First of all, Your Honor,
22 this -- I have a feeling this could get a
23 little lengthy. I'd ask that my client be
24 allowed to sit at counsel table.

25 BY THE COURT: That's fine. She can

1 sit. All right.

2 BY MR. ROUTH: Your Honor, Ms. -- we're
3 asking that Ms. Shell or Ms. Blackwell remain
4 under the same bond she has and remain under
5 house arrest which she's currently -- which
6 she's currently on house arrest. We'd ask
7 she remain with that status.

8 The State's position on no bond is
9 erroneous, Your Honor. Ms. Blackwell has an
10 unalienable right under the Eighth Amendment
11 to bail in this case even with it being a
12 capital case. The Mississippi Constitution
13 specifically says excessive bail shall not be
14 required before conviction and that everyone
15 shall be bailable by sufficient sureties
16 except for capital offenses when the proof is
17 evident or the presumption great.

18 Here, Your Honor, we simply do not have
19 that. In fact, the Jackson Police Department
20 who investigated this case testified under
21 oath at Ms. Blackwell's preliminary hearing,
22 "At this time, we do not have any evidence
23 that she pulled the trigger." They testified
24 repeatedly that they have no evidence tying
25 her to this crime. This cannot fall within

1 the standards set out in the constitution of
2 the proof being evident and the presumption
3 great, especially under the standard set out
4 by the Mississippi Supreme Court in Huff v.
5 Edwards, and that's 241 So.2d 654, wherein
6 the State move prove beyond a reasonable
7 doubt that the -- that the defendant -- that
8 the proof against the defendant is evident or
9 the presumption great.

10 This is not a capital crime for the
11 purposes of bail under the Mississippi
12 constitution, and we'd ask that she be
13 allowed to remain on the same bail.

14 BY THE COURT: You mentioned she's out
15 on bond right now. How much bond is she
16 under?

17 BY MR. ROUTH: \$1,000, Your Honor.
18 She's also on house arrest.

19 BY THE COURT: All right. You haven't
20 mentioned the fact that she's holding a small
21 child, so I don't know if you think that's
22 relevant at all in my determination.

23 BY MR. ROUTH: It absolutely is,
24 Your Honor, under the Lawson factors.
25 Ms. Blackwell has a newborn child. I believe

1 he's three months old.

2 BY THE COURT: What's the child's date
3 of birth? She would know that --

4 BY MR. ROUTH: Just a moment, Your
5 Honor. I'll get the exact date.

6 BY THE COURT: All right.

7 BY MR. ROUTH: He was born on
8 December 30th of last year so a little over
9 three months, if my math serves.

10 BY THE COURT: All right. What says the
11 State?

12 BY MR. JOHNSON: Your Honor, may I speak
13 from the table?

14 BY THE COURT: Yes.

15 BY MR. JOHNSON: Your Honor, part of
16 Article 3 of the Mississippi Constitution
17 states that capital offenses, no bail is
18 allowed if the proof is strong or
19 preponderance is great. This defendant --
20 there is DNA evidence present that this
21 defendant was on the scene at the time of the
22 crime and on the presence of a strap-on dildo
23 at the time attached to the deceased. In
24 addition to that, this defendant gave three
25 statements which indicated her involvement.

1 While Mr. Routh is correct that this
2 defendant nor there's actual evidence of
3 testimony that this defendant actually pulled
4 the trigger, there is evidence that this
5 defendant is linked to this crime. Further,
6 the vehicle in which the defendant is charged
7 with auto theft in was located in the
8 defendant's presence and taken down to, if my
9 memory serves me correctly, Jefferson County,
10 Mississippi. Further, the ties of this
11 defendant to the community of Hinds County,
12 they don't exist. In fact, this defendant's
13 residence, as we know, is to be Meadville,
14 Mississippi, which is in another county.

15 The defendant's bond at the lower court
16 was granted in part because the defendant was
17 pregnant at the time. That since has been
18 resolved. The defendant has had the baby.
19 The baby is here and can be present with
20 family members while the defendant is
21 incarcerated. The benefits the defendant was
22 given of the low bond due to the preliminary
23 hearing and the factors of this defendant at
24 that particular time have since changed, and
25 the State of Mississippi is requesting that

1 this defendant be held under a no bond
2 status.

3 BY THE COURT: All right. Mr. Routh.

4 BY MR. ROUTH: If I may, Your Honor.

5 First of all, I'm not sure where Mr. Johnson
6 is getting that Ms. Blackwell gave testimony
7 or gave an interview indicating her --
8 implicating her in this crime. As a matter
9 of fact, JPD testified at the preliminary
10 hearing that she denied any involvement in
11 this crime. Further, on the issue of
12 Mr. Johnson assailing Ms. Blackwell's having
13 a child and that being a reason for her to go
14 back to jail, Ms. Blackwell's child has been
15 diagnosed with a gastrointestinal disorder
16 that requires that he be fed at least mostly
17 on breast milk. It's essential to the child
18 that she be able to stay out on bond and
19 remain giving that care.

20 While she is -- when she does originally
21 hail from another county, Your Honor, she has
22 lived here in Jackson for quite some time,
23 and we have Ms. Carrie Blackwell present in
24 court today -- this is no relation by the
25 way -- testifying that she -- will be allowed

1 to stay here with Ms. Blackwell under house
2 arrest. And I'll note again, Your Honor,
3 that Ms. Blackwell has been on house arrest
4 since November of last year with no incidents
5 whatsoever. The purpose of bail, Your Honor,
6 is to ensure presence at trial, and the State
7 can achieve that through house arrest.

8 BY THE COURT: What medical proof do you
9 have that the child has a GI problem that
10 requires food mostly on breast milk?

11 BY MR. ROUTH: We have contact
12 information from Ms. Blackwell's physician at
13 River Oaks Hospital. Just that they've
14 advised her that the child should be fed
15 mostly on breast milk.

16 BY THE COURT: Because of a
17 gastrointestinal problem or just is that the
18 general advice that one would give a new
19 mother?

20 BY MR. ROUTH: My understanding,
21 Your Honor, and I -- forgive me. I'm not a
22 doctor. Reading through these medical
23 records, I'm not entirely sure what's what,
24 but Ms. Blackwell has indicated to me that
25 the physicians have told her that the child

1 has a disorder which requires he be fed on
2 breast milk.

3 BY THE COURT: Is there any reason --
4 the PD's office has known about this for
5 three days. Is there any reason that we
6 don't have any affirmative proof on that
7 point other than a representation that
8 somebody has told you or the PD's office
9 about these concerns? It seems like if they
10 were concerns and they needed to be
11 presented, that they would be done so in some
12 appropriate forum rather than just some
13 informal representations.

14 BY MR. ROUTH: Your Honor, again, I
15 have -- I have discharge instructions from
16 River Oaks Hospital that specifically say --
17 and I'm reading instructions to the patient.
18 "Direct breast feed or give expressed breast
19 milk or -- at least every three hours around
20 the clock." I mean, it's -- that's what the
21 hospital has told her to do. I don't --

22 BY THE COURT: Are you offering those as
23 an exhibit to this hearing this morning?

24 BY MR. ROUTH: If the Court would be so
25 inclined to see them, then absolutely.

1 BY THE COURT: Well, any objection to
2 that?

3 BY MR. JOHNSON: Your Honor, can we see
4 them briefly?

5 BY THE COURT: Yeah, just let the
6 State's attorney look at it.

7 If y'all can multitask while you're
8 looking at that --

9 BY MR. JOHNSON: Yes.

10 BY THE COURT: -- Mr. Routh, what is the
11 GI problem that we're talking about?

12 BY MR. ROUTH: Your Honor, the specific
13 problem, I don't know. I see notes on here
14 for hypokalemia, colosiectomy (sic) -- I
15 mean, I don't know -- again, Your Honor, I'm
16 not a doctor. I don't know what these --
17 these medical terms are. All I know is that
18 her doctor has told her that she needs to be
19 breastfeeding her child.

20 BY THE COURT: All right. So the
21 prosecution has one page. Are you offering
22 all those pages or are you offering all --

23 BY MR. ROUTH: No, Your Honor. I would
24 only right now offer the one that -- where it
25 directs her to breastfeed the child.

1 BY THE COURT: All right. Any
2 objection, Ms. Gilliam?

3 BY MS. GILLIAM: Yes, Your Honor. To me
4 that appears to be general discharge
5 instructions that would be given to any
6 mother because it also says "or Similac."
7 Breast milk or Similac. It shows the
8 discharge from the hospital with the child's
9 birth rate.

10 BY THE COURT: Do you have any objection
11 to that document being admitted?

12 BY MS. GILLIAM: No, Your Honor.

13 BY THE COURT: All right. Let it be
14 marked and then hand it to me, if you would.
15 (SAID DOCUMENT WAS MARKED EXHIBIT NUMBER 1, WAS RECEIVED
16 INTO EVIDENCE, AND MAY BE FOUND APART FROM THE RECORD.)

17 BY MR. ROUTH: Just a brief moment.

18 BY THE COURT: Whoever has got it, hand
19 it to the court reporter.

20 All right. Do you have any further
21 argument?

22 BY MR. ROUTH: Just a brief moment.

23 (PAUSE IN PROCEEDINGS)

24 BY MR. ROUTH: Your Honor, again, the
25 issue of the child and breastfeeding which is

1 recommended by her doctor, notwithstanding
2 Ms. Blackwell is entitled to a bond that she
3 can make before trial. The State has
4 presented nothing. They've especially
5 presented nothing rising to the -- to the
6 level set out in Huff v. Edwards, which is
7 that they have to prove their case beyond a
8 reasonable doubt to warrant any denial or
9 raising of Ms. Blackwell's bond. She's
10 indigent. She can't afford any bond other
11 than what she's under, and she's
12 constitutionally entitled to a bond.

13 BY THE COURT: All right. State, final
14 word.

15 BY MS. GILLIAM: Thank you, Your Honor.
16 Your Honor, this is a capital murder charge.
17 There is no more serious charge in the state
18 of Mississippi. Our office has not decided
19 whether or not there will be a death penalty
20 in this case. Whether or not she had a
21 child, I think the pregnancy was the medical
22 condition that probably everyone was
23 concerned about in keeping her in the jail.
24 But this -- they have given no reason as to
25 why this Court under Lee versus Lawson should

1 release this woman.

2 We do not have to prove beyond a
3 reasonable doubt right now. Our grand jury
4 indicted her. She stands as every other
5 defendant before this court charged with
6 capital murder and that is -- the only
7 factors that we should be looking at is Lee
8 versus Lawson. They have not told you,
9 Your Honor, I don't think, the length of
10 residence in this community.

11 BY THE COURT: All right.

12 BY MS. GILLIAM: The factors have not
13 been proven here to show that she has -- that
14 she is not a flight risk. She was late
15 coming to court this morning. She's out on
16 bond, and they are talking about house
17 arrest. But honestly, Your Honor, I have no
18 idea what the company is, where her records
19 are. We don't have any proof of what's been
20 going on with this house arrest. We would
21 ask for no bond, Your Honor.

22 BY THE COURT: All right.

23 BY MR. ROUTH: Your Honor, if I may just
24 briefly inform the Court as to Ms. Gilliam's
25 questions. She's on house arrest through

1 probation services.

2 BY THE COURT: You may be permitted to
3 speak, Mr. Routh.

4 BY MR. ROUTH: Thank you, Your Honor.

5 BY THE COURT: Let me hear your argument
6 and then I'll hear brief rebuttal if the
7 State feels it's necessary.

8 BY MR. ROUTH: Thank you, Your Honor.
9 Ms. Blackwell is on house arrest through
10 probation services of Hinds County which is
11 the service that everyone -- every court in
12 the county uses.

13 BY THE COURT: Thank you. Do you have
14 anything further?

15 BY MS. GILLIAM: Your Honor, we have
16 nothing further.

17 BY THE COURT: All right. Very well.
18 The evidence offered by the defense is
19 basically a one-page sheet which is a general
20 discharge instruction apparently from River
21 Oaks Hospital. It says nothing about a
22 gastrointestinal problem of the child and
23 it -- contrary to the representation of
24 Mr. Routh, it doesn't direct that the child
25 be given only breast milk. It says

1 "breastfeed or Similac." So I don't have
2 anything compelling before the Court that
3 there's any serious medical situation at hand
4 here.

5 I'm going to deny bond. It's a capital
6 murder charge. Another purpose of bond is to
7 protect the public. Capital murder is an
8 extremely serious charge which can carry the
9 death penalty, and the DNA evidence cited by
10 the State, along with the other summary of
11 the evidence presented by the State, is
12 compelling. So I'm going to deny bond.

13 I will consider -- I will reconsider that
14 upon the filing of the proper motion with
15 proper evidence.

16 Ms. Blackwell, do you have funds to hire
17 a lawyer?

18 BY THE DEFENDANT: No, sir.

19 BY THE COURT: All right. Well,
20 I'm going --

21 BY THE DEFENDANT: Sir, can I please
22 speak, please?

23 BY THE COURT: I don't believe now would
24 be the time, ma'am. But I'm going to appoint
25 someone to represent you and that person will

1 be in touch. So that's what we'll do.

2 Is there a family member here or do we
3 need to call Social Services, Mr. Routh?

4 BY MR. ROUTH: I believe the child can
5 go with Ms. Blackwell who is here, Your
6 Honor.

7 BY THE DEFENDANT: Please -- please --

8 BY THE COURT: That will conclude the
9 hearing.

10 BY MR. ROUTH: Your Honor, if I may,
11 I'm --

12 BY THE COURT: No, you may not. We're
13 done here, Mr. Routh.

14 BY MR. ROUTH: Your Honor, the
15 constitution --

16 BY THE COURT: Excuse me, Mr. Routh.

17 BY MR. ROUTH: -- requires --

18 BY THE COURT: Mr. Routh --

19 BY MR. ROUTH: -- that the Court --

20 BY THE COURT: -- please be seated.

21 BY MR. ROUTH: -- place on the record --

22 BY THE COURT: Please be seated.

23 BY MR. ROUTH: -- reasons for denying
24 bail. The Court has not done that.

25 BY THE COURT: All right. You're in

1 direct criminal contempt, Mr. Routh, and
2 we're going to take a ten-minute break. And
3 the time is 12:15 and we'll return to the
4 courtroom in ten minutes and I'll decide what
5 to do with you, Mr. Routh.

6 You can take the defendant but everyone
7 else remain in the court for ten minutes.

8 I'm sorry to interrupt your lunch break.

9 (RECESS AT 12:15 P.M.)

10 (FOLLOWING THE RECESS, THE HEARING CONTINUED AS FOLLOWS
11 AT 12:28 P.M.):)

12 BY THE COURT: All right. First of all,
13 we've got to have order in this courtroom.
14 Whether we've got civil, criminal matters
15 going on, we've just got to have order and
16 I'm charged with maintaining that order.

17 Mr. Routh, you had plenty of opportunity
18 to make a record today and make your
19 arguments. I'll note that you blatantly
20 misrepresented something on the record today.
21 After I made my ruling, I had told you I was
22 not going to hear any further argument and
23 you repeatedly refused my directive to sit
24 down. I advised you to file a detailed
25 written motion if you had anything else to

1 present on this issue, and I'll still
2 consider any written motion on the bond
3 issue.

4 Because you were held in direct criminal
5 contempt and because of your refusal to abide
6 by the rules of this court, I'm going to
7 sentence you to spend some time in jail. I'm
8 going to commit you to the custody of the
9 sheriff of Hinds County for the afternoon
10 until 5 p.m. You'll need to go with Mr. Don
11 Lewis, my bailiff, to his office, and I will
12 deliver an order finding you in contempt and
13 with my instructions for delivery to the
14 detention center to give them some
15 directions. So you'll go with the bailiff at
16 this time.

17 BY MR. BROWN: Your Honor, may we have
18 an emergency stay for a potential appeal of
19 this sentence?

20 BY THE COURT: No, sir, and I won't hear
21 any further argument. You don't have to fool
22 with cuffs or anything like that.

23 All right. Court's adjourned.

24 (TIME NOTED AT 12:31 P.M.)
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1 COURT REPORTER'S CERTIFICATE

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3 STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

4 COUNTY OF HINDS

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6 I, Lindsey P. McIntosh, CCR, Official Court

7 Reporter for Hinds County Circuit Court, do hereby

8 certify that the foregoing 21 pages, and including this

9 page, constitute a true and correct transcript of the

10 proceedings had upon the arraignment and contempt

11 hearing in the above entitled and numbered cause before

12 the Honorable Jeffrey A. Weill, Sr., Circuit Court

13 Judge, on the 13th day of April, 2016.

14 I do further certify that my certificate annexed

15 hereto applies only to the original and certified

16 transcript. The undersigned assumes no responsibility

17 for the accuracy of any reproduced copies not made under

18 my control or direction.

19 Witness my signature, this the 14th day of April,

20 2016.

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23 LINDSEY P. MCINTOSH, CCR

24 Official Court Reporter

25 CCR NO. 1732

Discharge Instructions

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1030 River Oaks Drive
Flowood • MS • 39232
Phone: (601)932-1030

PATIENT: BLACKWELL, BABYBLOREN
PTY
MR.

DESTINATION

Discharged to: Home
Discharged via: Carried
Accompanied by: Family member

DIET

Instructions reviewed with patient/caregiver
Type: Direct breastfeed or give expressed breastmilk or Similac Neosure formula at least every 3 hours around the clock.
Additional comments:
Infant's mother/parent/guardian received WIC slip: Yes (Yes/No)

ACTIVITY

Instructions reviewed with patient/caregiver
Bathe every other day
Additional comments:
See additional handout about SIDS.

WOUND CARE

Instructions reviewed with patient/caregiver
Additional comments:
Circumcision site care as directed, call 601-326-8341 if plastibell has not fallen off in 14 days.

SPECIAL EQUIPMENT

Use and care of equipment reviewed with patient/caregiver
EQUIPMENT COMMENTS
Additional comments:
N/A

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS**Special Instructions:**

Infant's Name:

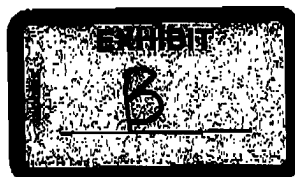
Birth Weight: 5 lbs 13 oz

Birth Length: 18 in.

Discharge Weight:

Blood Type: O+

lbs oz



HMA5420

Patient copy



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JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI 39225

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7TH CIRCUIT COURT DISTRICT
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April 14, 2016

VIA FACSIMILIE 601-359-2407

Muriel Ellis
Supreme Court Clerk
450 High Street
P.O. Box 107
Jackson, Mississippi 39205

Re: In re: Christopher Scott Routh
Appellate Cause No. 2016-M-535

Dear Ms. Ellis:

Attached please find a filing by Hinds County Circuit Court Jeff Weill, Sr. in the above referenced matter.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter, and if you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kate Steiner', written over a horizontal line.

Kate Steiner

Cc: Counsel of record